

SSB 5963 - H AMD TO CL COMM AMD (H-2961.2/09) **502**
By Representative Anderson

On page 23, after line 28 of the amendment, insert the following:

"Sec. 4. RCW 50.20.099 and 2000 c 2 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) To ensure that unemployment insurance benefits are paid in accordance with RCW 50.20.098, the employment security department shall verify that an individual is eligible to work in the United States and has a social security account number before the individual receives ~~((training))~~ unemployment benefits under ~~((RCW 50.22.150))~~ this title. The department may use the e-verify program administered by the United States citizenship and immigration services for this purpose.

(2) By July 1, 2002, the employment security department shall:

(a) Develop and implement an effective method for determining, where appropriate, eligibility to work in the United States for individuals applying for unemployment benefits under this title;

(b) Review verification systems developed by federal agencies for verifying a person's eligibility to receive unemployment benefits under this title and evaluate the effectiveness of these systems for use in this state; and

(c) Report its initial findings to the legislature by September 1, 2000, and its final report by July 1, 2002.

(3) Where federal law prohibits the conditioning of unemployment benefits on a verification of an individual's status as a qualified or authorized alien, the requirements of this section shall not apply."

Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the Employment Security Department to verify

that an individual is eligible to work in the U.S. and has a Social Security account number before the individual receives unemployment benefits.

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